

DECISION

**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

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FILE: B-219028

DATE: June 27, 1985

MATTER OF: W.B. Jolley

DIGEST:

Protest concerning competitive selection of contractor to provide travel management services for federal agencies is dismissed since selection of contractor is exempt from the procurement statutes and thus is not subject to review under GAO's Bid Protest Regulations.

W.B. Jolley protests any award under solicitation No. AT/TC 19827, issued by the General Services Administration (GSA) for travel management services for employees of federal agencies in six locations. We dismiss the protest.

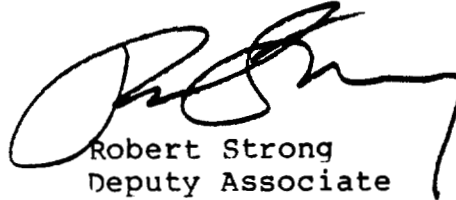
In Omega World Travel, Inc., et al., B-218025, et al., May 23, 1985, 85-1 CPD ¶ 590, and T.V. Travel, Inc., et al., B-218198, et al., June 25, 1985, 85-1 CPD ¶ _____, we held that selection of a contractor to make travel arrangements for federal employees is exempt from the procurement statutes, since such a contractual arrangement is only a management vehicle to obtain the actual travel services which themselves are exempt from procurement procedures. In T.V. Travel, Inc., B-218198, supra, we also found that the fact that the contractor is selected on a competitive basis provides no grounds for considering a protest concerning the selection under our Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1985), which deal only with protests against contract awards subject to the procurement statutes and regulations.

Like T.V. Travel, Inc., this protest involves the competitive selection by GSA of a contractor to make travel arrangements for federal employees, a selection which is exempt from the procurement statutes and thus is not subject to review under our Bid Protest Regulations.

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Accordingly, based on our holdings in Omega World Travel, Inc., and T.V. Travel, Inc., the protest is dismissed.



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